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ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR ROBERT P. SMITH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GH, OVIP, (YOUNG, AMBASSADOR ANDREW)

SUBJ: TOAST FOR MAY 13 LUNCH IN ACCRA

1. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE EXPECTED TO RESPOND TO TOAST BY COMMISSIONER FELLI AT MAY 13 LUNCH. FOLLOWING POINTS ARE OFFERED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REMARKS:

-- I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ACCRA, TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF GHANA, AND TO REAFFIRM THE LONG-STANDING AND STRONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP LINKING OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

-- THE US IS NOW ADDRESSING ITSELF WITH THE GREATEST ATTENTION TO AFRICA AS A WHOLE AND TO THE ISSUES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IN PARTICULAR. WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UK, THREE FRONT-LINE STATES AND ALL OTHER STATES WHICH SHARE OUR VIEWS, WE WILL BEND ALL OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE INDEPENDENCE OF RHODESIA UNDER MAJORITY RULE IN 1978. ON THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION, WE HAVE STRESSED TO SOUTH AFRICA THE NECESSITY OF A SPEEDY SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE ALONG THE LINES OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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385. AND AS FOR SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF, WE ARE AND WILL REMAIN DEEPLY OPPOSED TO APARTHEID IN ALL ITS FORMS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF MORE EGALITARIAN AND LESS OPPRESSIVE POLICIES AND THUS CHANGE ITS WAYS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

-- I AM VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY

WITH GHANA TOWARDS ALL THESE ENDS. THE MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE
ROLE PLAYED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS PARALLELED OUR OWN
EFFORTS.

-- LIKE MANY OTHER THRID WORLD -- AND INDEED, SOME DEVELOPED --
COUNTRIES, GHANA IS FACING SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. THE
US HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN
MANY WAYS DURING TWENTY YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE. WE ARE NOW
LOOKING AS POSSIBILITIES OF SENDING MORE FOOD GRAINS TO HELP
OFFSET THE EFFECTS OF POOR HARVESTS AND HUNGER IN NORTHERN
GHANA. OUR EMBASSY AND AID OFFICIALS ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH
COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING ROBERT GARDINER ON THIS
SUBJECT AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST
A MODEST AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL HELP.
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